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Chairman Ross Johnson
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: June 12, 2008 Agenda Item #12
Prenotice Discussion of Amendments to Regulation 18946.4**

Dear Chairman Johnson:

On behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley, I am writing in regard to the proposed amendments to Regulation 18946.4. We urge the Fair Political Practices Commission to reject the proposed elimination of the "no value rule" that applies 501(c)(3) fundraising events.

The Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley helps meet the local need for safe, healthy, productive activities for youths during after-school hours, during summer and school holidays. More than 1500 members participate in programs at five different sites including our main site in Canoga Park, Blythe and Reseda Elementary Schools, Canoga Park High School and Tierra del Sol.

Special events are the lifeblood of our organization. More than 25% of our budget comes from special events and the attendance by public officials helps us to accomplish our goals to provide opportunities for children ages 6-18, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

The involvement and attendance of public officials at our fundraising events helps our nonprofit carry out its mission and goals by providing the opportunity to network and exchange information with government leaders regarding our charitable programs. Elimination of the "no value" rule could unnecessarily create disclosure, gift limit, or conflict of interest issues for public officials who support our organization, create an impediment to the officials' attendance at our fundraising events, and, therefore, negatively impact us.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to reject the proposed changes to Regulation 18946.4 that would eliminate the current "no value" rule for 501(c)(3) charities.

Very truly yours,


Jan Sobel

President/CEO